

## IMPROVING HIGHWAYS

Modern Roads Greatly Appreciated  
By Automobilists and Traveling  
Public Generally

The Gazette recently, with no little pride, directed attention to the improved roads leading into Alexandria, and contrasted them with the unsatisfactory highways which formerly caused so much inconvenience to the traveling public. At times some roads were practically impassable. The good roads movement is spreading all over Virginia, and it will not be long before what are now often quagmires will have been converted into modern highways.

The Fairfax Herald is rejoicing also over the new order of things. This week's issue contains the following:

"The movement launched for the betterment and extension of the turnpikes which now extend from Alexandria, through the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun and Fauquier into the Shenandoah Valley, through Ashby's Gap and Snicker's Gap, is worthy of the strongest support our county can give. Under a recent act of Congress, \$75,000,000 was appropriated for road improvement work through a period of five years. Of this sum, Virginia is to receive \$110,000 for its roads. The Little River Turnpike is the main artery for travel westward across the northern portion of the State. At Alexandria it connects with modern roads from north to south and along its entire length roads leading to all sections of the State branch from it. With the road thoroughly improved and modernized, and it is said that no very large sum would be needed for the work, it would add largely to progress and values in this section of the State. If the road is carried across the mountains, through Clarke and Frederick counties, it will connect with Shenandoah Valley pike and give that section a direct outlet to tidewater and to the capital of the nation. Let everyone put in his best efforts to secure this road improvement."

## HOT BATH AND GAS KILL

Stalwart Blacksmith Oddly Meets  
Death by a Surprise.  
Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 21.—Judson Jones, a Bethlehem Steel Work blacksmith, was found dead, from a peculiar mishap, in the bathroom at his home at Edwinstown.  
Returning home from work, Thursday, Jones determined to take a bath and lighted gas hot-water generator, the gas being furnished by a coin meter. The flow stopped just about the time the superheated water filled the tub, and Jones stepped into the scalding liquid.  
The resultant shock is supposed to have affected his heart, causing him to fall backward, his head hitting the floor, producing unconsciousness.  
In the meantime some one in the house put a coin in the meter and the flow of gas entered the bathroom, and when Jones was discovered he was dead.

## UNSEASONABLE WEATHER.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Frost for North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, and low temperatures over the interior, followed by a rise Sunday in Tennessee and the East Gulf States, was forecast by the Weather Bureau last night.  
A depression that was over the Southwest upper Lake region Thursday night developed yesterday into a severe disturbance, followed by general snows and rains that covered practically the entire country from the Mississippi valley eastward, except Georgia and South Carolina. High temperatures prevailed today in the Atlantic states, but elsewhere except in the extreme Southwest, there is unseasonable cold-weather. Early yesterday the line of freezing extended into Central Texas.

## Notice.

Randolph Chapter No. 3, Knights Rose Croix, will hold a special meeting Monday evening October 23rd, at 7:30 for the purpose of conferring the 18th degree. All members and visiting brethren are cordially invited to be present. 245-4t.  
F. W. Latham, 32nd., Secretary

## HUNTERS, TAKE NOTICE

Points in the New Virginia Game  
Law Which Should be Remembered  
by All.

As the hunting season opens November 1, and closes December 31, it is well to call the attention of Alexandrian nimrods to a few points in the new game law, which may not be altogether plain.

First, any man who hunts beyond his or his neighbor's property (which must touch his at some point) must have a license. This includes the hunting of squirrels and night hunting also.

Second, if any property is posted, saying written permission must be obtained before hunting will be allowed, then all who hunt there must have written permission, and carry it and the license with them. If not posted verbal permission must be obtained.

Third, all non-residents who do not own property in the State, must first obtain a license. Any non-resident who owns property in the State will have the same privilege as a resident.

Fourth, no license is transferable. Fifth, all persons found hunting on Sunday will be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$50, including costs. An alien may obtain a license by paying \$20. A non-resident \$10 and a resident may obtain a State license by paying \$3, or a county license by paying \$1. A license may be obtained by making application to F. W. Richardson, Fairfax, Va.

Everyone who is interested in hunting should become familiar with the new game laws, a copy of which may be obtained from John S. Parsons, Richmond, Va., so that there may be no violations of the game laws, as there will be wardens and ex-officio wardens all over the county, who will see that the law is enforced.

## COUNTY TEACHERS

Changes at Several of the Schools  
in That District

A number of teachers come into the schools of Alexandria County with the opening of the new school year; also several have been transferred from one school to another. The changes by schools are as follows:

Mt. Vernon (Potomac), Eighth grade, Miss Josephine Ways, daughter of Rev. Willis Ways, pastor of Del Ray Baptist Church. She is a graduate of Farmville Normal. Seventh grade, Miss Ina M. Hall, of Lynnhams, Va., a graduate of Blackstone Institute, Dr. James Cannon's school. She has been teaching several years. Fourth grade, Miss Willie Harris, recently living with relatives at Chevy Chase, Md., a Farmville graduate. Third grade, Miss May Trundell, of Loudoun County, a Washington normal graduate. She is a granddaughter of the former superintendent of Loudoun schools. Second grade, Miss Lyle West, of Louisa, a Farmville graduate, and Miss Mabel Henderson, of Alexandria a graduate of Harrisonburg Normal.

Ft. Myer Heights—Miss Helen Walcott, of Westmoreland County, a Washington Normal graduate, who has been teaching in Fairfax County. Miss Abbott.

Clarendon—Miss Catherine Munson, of Falls Church, daughter of Dr. Reginald Munson, a Washington Normal graduate. Transferred to this school are Miss Gladys Abbott, who taught last year at Ft. Myer Heights and Miss Grace Crosswell from Barcroft.

Ballston—Miss Inez Tetingale, of Washington, graduate of the Normal there with one or two years' experience.

Barcroft—Miss Edna Walker. Cherrydale—Miss Eugenia Todhunter, Washington resident and Normal graduate. Miss Pauline De Brodes, Washington resident and Normal graduate. Miss Helen Cissell, transferred from Carne school where she had taught two years.

Carne—Miss Ethel Brockman, of Washington, a Normal graduate there. Kemper, colored—Miss Julia D. Smith, graduate of the Virginia Normal for colored.

Genuine Lynnhaven Bay Oysters, on half shell, steamed or in measure. Jacob Brill, foot of King St. 246-1f

## Alexandria City and Suburbs

### Announcement.

There were no cases before the police Court this morning.

There will be a meeting held in the Richmond theater tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock to which all men of the city are invited. An address will be made and the question of organizing a Young Men's Christian Association will be taken up.

The two-story dwelling house at 409 north Patrick street, owned by Charles Arrington and occupied by John Bell, colored, caught fire from some unknown cause yesterday afternoon about four o'clock. Neighbors discovered the fire first and gave the alarm. Mrs. Bell, who was on the second floor, became frightened and jumped from the window, but was not seriously hurt. The house was quite badly damaged but the loss is said to be covered by insurance.

Samuel H. Lunt, auctioneer, sold at eleven o'clock this morning, in front of the City Hall on Royal street, the three story brick residence of Mrs. Sallie P. Lozano, on Alfred street, between Cameron and Queen. D. J. Woolford was the purchaser, who paid \$3,675 for the property. The sale was by virtue of an order of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia. C. Keith Carlin was trustee in bankruptcy.

### U. S. TROOPS IN BATTLE

Engaged For 45 Minutes With Band  
Of Mexicans Who Fired Upon  
Them Across Rio Grande

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 21.—American troops and Mexicans clashed near San Jose in the Big Bend county, Thursday afternoon, according to a report received by General Funston early last night. General Joseph Gaston, commander of the district. The fight lasted for 45 minutes. No losses were suffered by the Americans and information is lacking regarding loss among the Mexicans.

Colonel Gaston's report said that a band of about 30 Mexicans opened fire on a detachment composed of 23 men of the Sixth Cavalry and Texas National Guard cavalry squadron, engaged in patrol duty between Presidio and Ruidosa. Lieutenant Cudington, of the Texas squadron commanding the troops, ordered his men to return the fire.

A vigorous exchange of shots continued for 45 minutes, the Americans and Mexicans firing in skirmish formation from covered positions on either side of the Rio Grande. Information from Colonel Gaston did not indicate that the United States troops crossed in pursuit of the Mexicans. After the fight Lieutenant Cudington returned to Ruidosa with his command.

Whether the Mexicans were de facto government troops or members of a bandit band was not known by General Funston last night. He is awaiting a detailed report of the action.

### WOMAN KILLS YOUTH.

Had Accused Him of Telling Her Husband Stories Reflecting on Her Character.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 21.—Leo G. Pratt, an 18 year old clerk in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was shot and killed yesterday, in the bank by Mrs. Edwin C. Sobel, aged 30, who then killed herself. Mrs. Sobel was the wife of an advertising agent.

### GIRL ACCUSES MOTHER.

Repudiates Alleged Confession of Having Murdered Father.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Oct. 21.—Lena Benafiglio, the 13 year old schoolgirl who was arrested Wednesday on a charge of having murdered her father, Frank Benafiglio, with a hatchet, has repudiated her alleged confession.

According to the police, the girl said, that a cousin, Joseph Tuter, aged 30 years, killed her father, aided by her mother, and that she had been told to confess the crime. No trace of Tuter has been found.

The management takes pleasure in announcing that Mrs. Dolly Peyton Shepperson of this city has been engaged as society editor of the Alexandria Gazette and will assume the duties of the position on Monday next, a fact we feel assured her wide circle of friends throughout Alexandria will be pleased to learn.

Mrs. Shepperson has had the advantage of several years' experience in newspaper work, gained as correspondent for Washington papers, and we bespeak for her the cordial support and co-operation of her acquaintances throughout the city in her efforts to present the social and local news of interest to Alexandrians in the columns of the Gazette.

Lambert D. Lyles, Market Master, is confined to his home by illness.

Mrs. Kate Glenn returned to her home in Baltimore yesterday after spending a week with her niece, Mrs. R. W. Miller, of this city.

Thirty-five ladies attended the prayer meeting service held at the Anne Lee Memorial Home for the Aged yesterday afternoon. Mrs. J. H. Mansfield was leader. The old ladies of the Home were delighted with the service and it is hoped that a similar meeting can be held each week.

### LAST NIGHT OF BAZAAR

Mystic Shrine of Washington to  
Bring Arab Patrol and Band

Last night was a gala night at the Masonic bazaar, Columbia and Potomac Commanderies, Knights Templar, of Washington came over in full force to add color and animation to the occasion, while the Fraternity band, of 27 pieces, supplied music to the delight of the assembled throng.

The bazaar will close tonight and in order that the committee may canvass votes in time to announce the result of the contest of the loving cup, ring, and other special features, all ballots must be turned in by 10:30 sharp. Almas Temple Mystic Shrine, with its Arab Patrol, of eighty-seven and "tom-tom" band will constitute the special feature. The patrol will give an exhibition drill and perform some of their side-splitting stunts, which have made these fun-makers famous.

Potentate Estes accompanied the Commandery last evening, as did Right Eminent Grand Commander Lem Towers, Eminent Commander Towers delivered a short address, expressing the hope that both the Fair and the cause for which it is being held would prove not only successful, but a glorious Masonic achievement, as he was sure it would. Potentate Estes informed the committee that they would bring the "camel" with them, and turn him loose this evening, to dispense the real milk of the desert, and those who fail to be present and witness the escapades of this animal will forfeit a rare chance, which will probably not be offered them again in a long time.

The Shriners will leave the train at Patrick street and march down King, headed by their unique musical organization, while the Lambskin band, will greet them at Armory Hall with a burst of real music and the fun will begin.

Columbia drill team gave a fine exhibition drill last night under command of Captain Shackelford, which was much enjoyed.

Great interest is manifested in the various contests, in several of which the candidates are running neck-and-neck.

### Notice

This is to give notice that certificate No. 634 for nine shares of stock, certificate No. 656 for five shares of stock, certificate No. 689 for seven shares of stock, certificate 700 for nine shares of stock, certificate 712 for two shares of stock of the Alexandria Water Company, standing in the name F. P. Gillingham were destroyed by fire April 18th, 1916. 247-2t.

Norfolk Oysters at the Ramell Cafe, N. Royal Street.

Mrs. Fred Lyons has gone to Jacksonville, Florida, to reside. Mr. Lyons has a position on the Seaboard railway and is now located at Jacksonville.

Mr. H. Marvin Demaine, of Middleport, Ohio, accompanied by his daughter Miss Virginia Demaine, is on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Demaine, in this city.

Mount Vernon Council, Daughters of America, will attend the funeral of Mrs. Samuel Ticer tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock. Mary Washington Council members are invited.

During the progress of the fire in the northwestern section of the city yesterday afternoon a silver spoon which had been missing from the residence of a family in this city for several years was found in the debris. It is supposed the spoon had been carried away into a garbage pail.

Lewis H. Machen, formerly of this city, who was operated on recently for appendicitis in Richmond and who was in a critical condition as the result of the operation, is reported to be slowly recovering. This will be gratifying news to his many friends in Alexandria, as well as throughout Virginia.

### VIRGINIA NEWS

All Around the Old Dominion  
State.

W. H. Woody, a white man was arrested yesterday in Lynchburg, on a warrant sworn out by police detectives, in which he is charged with bigamy. The police allege that Woody has a wife in Lynchburg, one in Petersburg, and that another was with a circus. It is declared that wife No. 3, who resides in Lynchburg, ascertained that Woody was paying attention to a fourth woman, who resides in Amherst county. It is said that Woody, when arrested, admitted he had been married several times, but claimed he had been divorced and was legally married to his wife in Lynchburg.

A dispatch from Roanoke says Victor Maihl, 19 year old son of George Maihl, of Salem, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when he fell from an automobile delivery truck and was crushed to death beneath the wheels, which passed over his head.

A letter received by the judge of the Corporation Court at Danville from the superintendent of the hospital for the criminal insane at Marion announces that Roy C. Coleman, a well-known Danville lawyer, escaped from that institution a week ago, and is at large. Coleman more than a year ago assaulted James Green, deputy clerk of the Corporation Court of Danville, cutting him severely about the face with a butcher knife.

Miss Garnant, who until recently never had weighed more than thirty-eight pounds, now weighs about 100. It was an internal explosion which cured her. Chemicals were forced in cord, which she swallowed. When the chemicals met they "exploded" and burst a contraction of the inner intestines by means of a testines which had prevented the girl from digesting solid food since she was 7 years old.

### WINS ANOTHER GAME

Alexandria High School football team won another game yesterday 14 to 6, playing against the Gonzaga team. The game was strongly contested and only by being better coached were the Maroon and White boys able to win, as they were greatly outweighed. Gonzaga has one of the strongest teams in the city of Washington. They defeated Eastern High school last week, and the Alexandria boys had to fight hard to win their game. Some complaint is heard that the games are not being supported as they ought to be by the citizens generally, and it is hoped that better attendance will be seen in the future. An effort is also to be made to try and secure a shower bath for the use of the teams, which might be provided, it would seem, without serious difficulty.

## WAIVES LEGAL NOTICE

Druggists and Soft Drink Dealers  
Given Chance to Get Licenses Under  
Prohibition Law.

Druggists and dealers in soft drinks in this city and section are hastening to comply with the new prohibition law, which requires them to procure licenses from the circuit court, in order to be able to sell certain alcoholic products or any form of soft drink. There is no charge for the license, but in the case of druggists a thirty days notice posted on the front door and publication for three weeks in a newspaper is required, the notice to state the time when application for license will be made. In the case of those who sell soft drinks only the law apparently does not require such notice, but many soft drink dealers, to be on the safe side, have given notice of application.

As few if any druggists in this part of Virginia have given it before the prohibition law goes into effect, on November 1, Judge Thornton of the Circuit Court of Alexandria, has let it be known that he will waive notice in the case of those making application at once.

In Alexandria county he will receive applications up to Friday of next week, and in Fairfax county he will receive applications at Fairfax on Monday, October 30. In Alexandria city the notices being printed state that applications will be made on November 20.

It should be understood that on and after November 1, no soft drinks can be sold except by charitable benevolent organizations without procuring a license, under heavy penalty.

The license costs nothing, but it must be procured in order to do business lawfully. In addition druggists must have a separate license to buy or sell whisky, wine, brandy, grain alcohol, and other forms of alcohol, for medicinal, mechanical or sacramental purposes only. These spirits can be bought only upon a physicians prescription or an affidavit by the purchaser, each of which will cost a five cent stamp.

### BIGGEST REUNION PREDICTED.

Confederate Veterans Will Meet Next  
Year in Washington

The prediction that the Confederate gathering in Washington next spring will be the largest reunion in the history of the National Capital was made by H. F. Cary, chairman of the finance committee of the general Confederate reunion committee, at the committee's first meeting in Washington yesterday.

The committee determined to raise \$40,000 for the entertainment of the veterans and all classes of Washington business men will be called upon to co-operate in the entertainment of their Southern guests.

### HICCUGHS KILL ATHLETE.

Daniel Raley, Former Baseball Player  
Dies in Cumberland.

Cumberland, Md., Oct. 21.—Hiccoughs were responsible for the death of Daniel Raley, 37 years old, a former baseball player, at the Western Maryland Hospital, here Thursday. He was stricken Friday afternoon and the hiccoughs continued without interruption until Monday when he became unconscious. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Raley, Ellerslie, Md., and his widow, and five children of Bloomington, Garrett county.

### Strangles Self in Prison

Trenton, Oct., 21.—Because she was denied finery by the authorities of the State prison, Anna Rickert, 30 years old, tore a strip of linen from her bed sheet at noon Thursday and lying across the cot in her cell, strangled herself to death. The woman was serving from four to seven years for larceny from the person. She was sentenced from Hudson county.

When received at the prison, January 29, 1915, the woman wore some fancy clothing. Of late she had the notion that she should be permitted to wear her street clothes instead of the prison garb. This request was refused and the woman flew into a rage. She deliberately tied the improvised noose about her throat tight enough to cause slow strangulation.

## SINGING ON THE WAY

Alexandrians Pack Special Southern  
Railway Train to Charlottesville  
Yesterday Afternoon.

About six hundred Alexandrians made a flying trip to Charlottesville yesterday afternoon. The visit was for the purpose of attending the Gypsy Smith evangelical services now being conducted in that place. The union depot was filled by those who had determined to go on the trip and hundreds of others who were on hand to witness the departure of the Alexandrians.

The train left at 2 o'clock, schedule time, many aboard being unable at first to obtain seats, but when Cameron, the first station outside the city limits, was reached, another coach was added, when conditions became more comfortable.

When the train was again under motion the hymn books used at the services in this city were brought into requisition, and "Bulah Land," "Brighten the Corner," "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," etc., were sung heartily. This continued the entire run, and the glees manifested by every one aboard was striking.

The train drew into the union depot at Charlottesville at 4:30 o'clock, and the Alexandrians spent from that time until about 7:30 o'clock, when the services in the tabernacle began, in sight-seeing about the city.

Ample accommodations for the visitors had been reserved by those in charge of the tabernacle, and when the Alexandrians entered there was great enthusiasm. As is Rev. Gypsy Smith's custom, the visitors were requested to stand, when they received a hearty welcome, and when the singing began the Alexandrians were made to demonstrate their vocal powers alone, which brought forth much applause.

The preacher took for his subject the case of Zaccheus, in the book of Luke, and handled it in an able manner.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the welcome given to Mrs. Coles, wife of the professor. The couple it will be remembered, were united in wedlock during the last week of the campaign in Alexandria. When Mrs. Coles appeared on the rostrum, the cheers were deafening.

Rev. Mr. Smith, Prof. Coles and his wife, and Miss Hoagland, the pianist, exchanged greetings with the Alexandrians at the close of the services, and about 10:30 o'clock the Alexandrians began to wend their way to the depot. At 10:50 the train started for this city, when the gospel hymn book was again brought into use, the singing was in each of the coaches of the train all the way back to Alexandria. The visitors reached home at 1:15 o'clock, this morning, all realizing "that it was good for them to have been there."

Rev. Gypsy Smith accompanied the Alexandrians to the train, and remained at the depot until it left.

### WINTER DESCENDS UPON WEST

Snow Falls and Mercury Takes A  
Sharp Drop.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—A foretaste of winter was given mid-Western States from the Canadian border to Texas, yesterday. The coldest spot on the domestic map was at Devils Lake, N. D., where the mercury registered 6 degrees; Minnedosa, Man., was two degrees colder.

Snow blanketed Northern Minnesota. It fell also in Illinois and Iowa. Reports from Ottumwa, Iowa, told of a sharp drop of 33 degrees in temperature. At Burlington, Iowa, street car traffic was hampered and trains were reported late owing to the snow.

Indianapolis, Oct. 21.—The first snow of the season fell in Indiana, yesterday, accompanied by a big drop in temperature and a high wind which damaged wire communications.

### NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Water Company will be held at the office of the Company, 111 North St. Asaph St., on Monday, November 6th, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock for the election of officers and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

239-22t. GEO. UHLER, Secretary.